

U. S. Congressman F. Allen Boyd, Jr.

Service Academy Nomination Application Packet Class of 2010

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Application Procedure

Attending one of the United States Service Academies is a distinct honor and an invaluable experience which can serve to lead a student down a path of success in life and to being a good citizen. Attending the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Air Force Academy, Military Academy at West Point, or Merchant Marine Academy usually requires a nomination from either a United States Representative or Senator. No nomination is required to attend the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Outline of Nomination and Appointment Processes

1. Applicants initiate the process by writing letters of request for nominations to Congressman Boyd's Tallahassee Office at 1650 Summit Lake Drive, Suite 103, Tallahassee, FL 32317

The following information must be included:

- Choice of Academy
- Name (as recorded on birth certificate)
- Social Security Number
- Permanent address (street, city, county, state, zip code)
- Phone number and area code
- Father's Full Name
- Mother's Full Name
- Date and place of birth
- Name and address of high school
- Date of graduation
- Extracurricular activities

Applicants should also explain in one 250-word essay (one page, double-spaced)

- Why they want to attend an Academy.
- Why they believe they will be successful at the Academy.
- Why the Congressman should nominate them.
- 2. Applicants must also initiate contact with the Service Academy or academies of their choices and proceed with the pre-candidate application processes as dictated by that Academy. Addresses for the academies are contained in this package.
- 3. The Congressional Office will open files and send application packets to students upon request. **APPLICATION DEADLINE: To be considered, applications must be received by October 21, 2005.** Completed files must include the following:

- Completed Application for Nomination form and photograph.
- Official high school transcript.
- Minimum of three recommendations: one from a school official (principal or guidance counselor); one from an instructor (math or science suggested); and one of the applicant's choice of an employer, a community leader or a club sponsor.
- SAT and or ACT score reports, if available. The academy admissions officers suggest that applicants take both types of tests.
- Any additional materials students feel will support their applications.
- 4. The Academy Nomination Board will interview candidates in November. Applicants will be notified of interview time and place. Waivers will be granted <u>only</u> to those who have a military obligation or whose parents are stationed overseas on assignments.
- 5. Selected nominees will be notified by the end of the year, and then Congressman Boyd will submit his nominations to the Academies.
- 6. Academy Admissions Officers review nominees' applications and select appointments. Most appointments will have been made by early May.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all materials are submitted on time. Those with incomplete files will be disqualified.

Students who attend one of the academies must serve six years of active duty following their graduation from the Academy.

TEST SCORE MINIMUMS FOR ENTERING STUDENTS

The Admissions Officers at the academies encourage students to begin taking tests in the junior year and take both the ACT and the SAT tests. Many students continue to take the tests until they have the scores that they desire. Each Academy Admissions Office has different standard ranges that it looks for each of these tests. If your test scores fall below the minimums, you may want to inquire about one of the academy preparatory schools. Remember 20 to 30 percent of each academy class does not enter an academy directly after graduating from high school. To have scores forwarded to our office directly from the testing center, please use the following codes: **S.A.T.-5476**, **A.C.T.-7322**. Many transcripts will include copies of your SAT or ACT scores. If so, this is sufficient and you need not send in separate score results, unless you have updated scores. Scores will be accepted after November 1, 2005 deadline, provided prior arrangements have been made with this office.

Application Schedule

May - October 2005 - Complete Packet

Candidates must complete application packet and return it to Congressman Allen Boyd's Tallahassee Office (1650 Summit Lake Dr., Suite 103, Tallahassee, FL 32317).

October 21, 2005 - Deadline!

All required information for a completed application packet <u>must be postmarked</u> <u>by this date</u>. Please use sufficient postage. Applications sent to office locations other than the Tallahassee, Florida office may cause delays in processing.

December 2005 - Interview

<u>Qualified</u> candidates are interviewed for approximately 20-25 minutes by Congressman Allen Boyd's Service Academy Nomination Board. Interviews are held in Tallahassee.

Mid-December 2005 - Notification

Congressman Allen Boyd submits nominations to the academies and notifies all interviewed candidates of nomination status by this date.

December 2005 - May 2006

Although some appointments are offered beyond May, the academies will make the majority of appointments between December and May.

Late June or Early July 2006

Appointed cadets are due at the U.S. service academies.

Minimum Requirements

Note to Applicant: The completion of these requirements makes one eligible, but does not guarantee a nomination. Congressman Boyd will submit ten nominations to each academy, and selection is competitive. If you have not yet started a pre-candidate file at the academy of your choice, do so immediately!

	Minimum Requirements	Minimum Scores	Avg. Scores at Academy
U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY Office of Admissions/Nominations 117 Decatur Road Annapolis, MD 21402-5018 Phone: 410/293-4361 www.usna.edu/Admissions	U.S. Citizen / Age 17-23 Unmarried / No Dependants Nomination PAE and DODMERB exams 6 yrs. Post-grad Active Duty	ACT: 22-24 SAT: Verbal - 530 Math - 570	SAT: Verbal - 638 Math - 640
U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY Director of Admissions 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 200 USAF Academy, CO 80840-5025 Phone: 719/333-2520 www.academyadmissions.com	U.S. Citizen / Age 17-23 Unmarried / No Dependants Nomination CFT and DODMERB exams 6 yrs. Post-grad Active Duty	ACT: 24-25 SAT: Verbal - 580 Math - 560	SAT: Verbal - 630 Math - 652
U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY Director of Admissions 646 Swift Road West Point, NY 10996-4041 Phone: 845/938-4041 www.usma.edu/admissions	U.S. Citizen / Age 17-23 Unmarried / No Dependants Nomination PAE and DODMERB exams 6 yrs. Post-grad Active Duty	ACT: 23-24 SAT: Verbal - 560 Math - 560	SAT: Verbal - 629 Math - 648
U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACA Admissions Office 300 Steamboat Road Kings Point, NY 11024-1699 Phone: 516/733-5391 www.usmma.edu	ADEMY U.S. Citizen / Age 17-24 No Marriage Restriction Nomination / Congressional Only DODMERB exams 8 yrs. Post-grad Reserve Duty 5 yrs. Maritime industry	ACT: 21-26 SAT: Verbal - 480 Math - 550	SAT: Verbal - 600 Math - 600
U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEM Admissions Office 31 Mohegan Avenue New London, CT 06320 Phone: 860/444-8500 www.cga.edu/admissions	U.S. Citizen / Age 17-22 Unmarried / No Dependants NO NOMINATION REQUIRED DODMERB exam only 6yrs. Post-grad Active	ACT: 26-30 O SAT: Verbal - 600 Math - 600	SAT: Verbal - 615 Math - 644

 $NOTE: Overall\ SAT\ and\ ACT\ scores\ must\ equal\ the\ sum\ of\ the\ minimum\ to\ qualify\ for\ an\ interview.$

PAE - Physical Aptitude Exam CFT - Candidate Fitness Test

DODMERB - Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board

U.S. Service Academy Nomination Application Form

4. Essay: Briefly state why you want to attend the academy of your choice.

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5.	Attachments:	You are encouraged to attach a resume or a list of honors and awards, activities or any information you feel is pertinent to your application.
6.	Signature:	I, the undersigned, declare that the information I have provided on this application form is true and correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date

U.S. Service Academy Nomination Recommendation Form

NOTE TO CANDIDATE: You are required to submit three recommendation forms -- (1) from your high school counselor or principal, and (2) others from a math or science teacher, coach, employer, or someone who knows you well. Have them return the completed forms to you in a sealed envelope with their signature across the seal. Send this recommendation form along with your other application materials to my **Tallahassee** office by the **October 21, 2005** DEADLINE!

l.	Name of Applic	ant		
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	Address			
	riddi egs	Street	City/State	Zip
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7.	Please comment on the ratings that you have assigned in item 6, and any additional statement about the applicant's record, potential, or personal qualities which you believe would be helpful in considering this person's application for one of the service academies. (<i>Do not hesitate to attach an additional sheet.</i>)						
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Please return this form in a sealed and signed envelope to the applicant as soon as possible.

Nomination Sources for Florida Students

1. Senatorial - apply to both

U.S. Senator Bill Nelson

Attention: Service Academy Coordinator 225 East Robinson Street, Suite 410

Orlando, Florida 32801

Telephone: (407) 872-7161 or (888) 671-4091

Fax: (407) 872-7165

Deadline: October 1, 2005 (postmark deadline)

http://billnelson.senate.gov

U.S. Senator Mel Martinez

Attention: Service Academy Coordinator 315 East Robinson Street Landmark Center 1, Suite 475

Orlando, FL 32801 Phone: (407) 254-2573 http://martinez.senate.gov/

2. Congressional

District 2

U.S. Congressman Allen Boyd

1650 Summit Lake Drive, Suite 103 Tallahassee, Florida 32317 (850) 561-3979

www.house.gov/boyd

Deadline: October 29, 2005 (postmark deadline)

Aide: Edna H. Parker

3. Vice Presidential - for Naval, Air Force, and Military Academies only.

The Honorable Dick Cheney

Office of the Vice President OEOB Room 591 Washington, D.C. 20501

(202) 456-2326

4. Presidential - contact any academy to learn about eligibility requirements for this special service-connected category.